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TO AMEMBASSY CONAKRY

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SUBJECT: FAREWELL CALL OF AMBASSADOR BAH

1. AMBASSADOR HABIB BAH CALLED ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY
SCHAUFEELE DECEMBER 20 TO SAY FAREWELL. HE PLANS TO
LEAVE FOR CONAKRY ON DECEMBER 22.

2. AMBASSADOR BAH NOTED THAT DESPITE DIFFICULTIES BETWEEN
GUINEA AND THE U.S., THE TWO COUNTRIES HAVE TIES OF
FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION. HE EXPRESSED HIS THANKS TO
THOSE IN THE USG WHO HAD WORKED WITH HIM DURING HIS 30
MONTHS AS AMBASSADOR. HE NOTED THAT WITH HIS DEPARTURE
FIRST SECRETARY LANSANA SANO WOULD BE CHARGE.

3. SCHAUFEELE NOTED THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND
GUINEA ARE CHARACTERIZED BY BOTH DIFFICULTIES AND MUTUAL
RESPECT. HE RECALLED THAT HE HAD KNOWN SEKOU TOURE FOR
SOME 15 YEARS, AND THAT TOURE HAD GREAT REPUTATION IN
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AFRICA. DESPITE OUR OCCASIONAL DIFFICULTIES, THE U.S.
AND GUINEA WERE STILL IN COMMUNICATION. WE ARE NOW
ENTERING A NEW PERIOD WITH A CHANGE OF ADMINISTRATION, BUT
OUR POLICY IN AFRICA WILL PROBABLY CONTINUE ON THE GENERAL
COURSE BEGUN IN APRIL OF THIS YEAR. WE HOPE THAT OUR
PROBLEMS IN AFRICA CAN BE MET THROUGH DIALOGUE, AND BY

THE DETERMINATION TO RESOLVE THEM.

4. SCHAUFLE ASKED THAT BAH RELAY HIS BEST REGARDS TO PRESIDENT TOURE AND SAID THAT WE INTENDED TO CONTINUE OUR DIALOGUE WITH CHARGE SANO AND WITH THE NEXT GUINEAN AMBASSADOR.

5. BAH ASKED IF THE USG STILL INTENDED TO INFORM HIM OF A DATE IN LATE JANUARY OR FEBRUARY WHEN A DELEGATION COULD COME TO IMPLEMENT THE SEPTEMBER 22 PL-480 AGREEMENT. SCHAUFLE REPLIED THAT WE WOULD INFORM THE GOG OF A DATE ON WHICH IT WOULD BE CONVENIENT TO RECEIVE A PL-480 DELEGATION, BUT THAT HE COULD NOT SAY NOW WHEN THIS WOULD BE.

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